The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation is at it again by generously providing funds to enhance the parks. Their most recent project, a Golf Practice Facility, has just been completed at Three Mile Park.

There are three (3) landscaped artificial greens to practice your putting and chipping. The greens are flat, undulated and tiered for the beginner and seasoned golfer.

The Department of Public Works employees along with their Supervisor, Chris Reimel, built and installed the turf under the guidance of Designer Greens, Inc. The practice facility will be open during park hours, weather permitting. The gatehouse will post a sign indicating when the greens are open or closed. You may also call the gate attendant at 313-822-1681 with questions regarding the greens.

Who would have thought the day would come when you could walk down to the park with your putter, wedge and golf balls to practice your short game on a manicured green?

Bocce Ball

The Bocce Court is another project completely funded by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation that is being installed this fall. The court is located behind the picnic shelter, parallel to the boardwalk, so players can take in the lake’s breathtaking view or enjoy the game with their picnic guests. The Bocce Court is also constructed of artificial turf. Bocce balls are available at the gatehouse.

Lunch with Santa
Saturday, December 6
Tomkins Community Center

Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children from Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 6. Lucky for us he is willing to stay all afternoon, so we have scheduled three different times for lunch: pictures and crafts.

We can only accommodate 25 children and their parents for each lunch time. We will take registration until December 1 or until capacity is reached. Make reservations by sending in the registration form on page 12 with your payment, or visit the Parks and Recreation office at Windmill Pointe Park.

Lunch Times:
10:30-11:30 a.m.
12:00-1:00 p.m.
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Fee:
$5.00 per child, $4.00 per attending adult (this includes lunch for all, a craft and a framed digital photo with Santa for the children)
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Further information regarding picnic permits are below.

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This was not practical and worked to change it. Now, similar violations are civil
meanor offense punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a $500 fine. We realized
that we enforce. In the past violations of this ordinance were considered a misde-

What is important for you to remember is the normal aspects of pet ownership
behavior that may pose a threat to the community. There are many potential viola-
tions that we must consider before we make that determination. It would not be the
usual normal dog type violations that would trigger that type of investigation but we are confident there are sufficient guidelines for us should that be the case.

When you put the dog in the yard, make sure they can get out. If we have
problems developing that may require the vehicle to be parked in such a manner that it took up two spots rather than one. That eliminated a space

When walking your dogs they must be on a leash and, perhaps more im-

You are also responsible to clean up after your animals, should they decide
to leave a deposit. You are also responsible for dogs that constantly bark. While it is normal
to record the number of days it has been since the dog was last in

Another concern we constantly try to address is the issue of parking. We all
realize that parking can be a problem in the City. Recently I had a conversation with a resident who complained that if her neighbors only considered others when parking their car things could be better. She was upset when they parked their car in such a manner that it took up two spots rather than one. This created a space for someone else. Think about it the next time and maybe leave that second spot

Our Municipal Court
by Judge Carl F. Jarboe

Grosse Pointe Park enjoys safe and secure streets through the efforts of many people. The school safety patrols at Trombley, Defer, St. Clare and Maure El-

Each school provides dedicated volunteer fifth graders who help our younger children to go safely to and from school. Whether it is a comfortable sunny September afternoon or a dark, wet and frigid morning in January, these public servants arrive at their posts on time and do not leave their posts until all other children have passed. They are always alert to traffic and do not allow younger children to cross until they are sure that the way is safe.

For fifteen years our Court has been involved with the programs at Trombley and Defer Schools, speaking to each class at the start of the school year regarding the responsibility of the students’ new assignments and administering the oath of office. Each year the members of the school safety patrol have made their parents, their schools, the police department, and the Court proud of their efforts.

If you are driving a vehicle during school crossing times, please be extra consider-
are involved with pedestrian crossings. The school safety patrol volunteers

In an effort to help reduce excessive speeds on Mack Avenue, our Court re-
cently worked with the City of Detroit to have six new speed limit signs installed on the north side of the avenue. There are now eight signs in place on the north side of Mack to remind traffic of the legal speed limit.

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The Police Beat
by Chief David A. Hiller

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The ordinance identifies dangerous dogs, regardless of breed, due to their be-

Alors dogs older than six months must have a license, which can be pur-
chased from the Police Department with proof of rabies shots.

We also want you to know that you can’t leave a car on the street in excess of
48 hours without moving it. That is considered an abandoned car. We will tag the
car, and if not moved, we will impound it. That becomes very evident in the winter
months when we find snow covered vehicles as much as a week after the snow
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2008 Co-ed Volleyball Champions

"See Ya Later Alligators"
Recreational League Champs


The Trilobytes
Back to back to back Competitive League Champs


2008 Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament Champions

Men’s Singles Champion  Alex Galvin
Women’s Singles Champion  McCall Monte
Men’s Singles "B" Champion  Matt Leaver
Women’s Singles "B" Champion  Stephanie Galvin
Men’s Doubles Champions  Ken Prather, Brendan Petz
Women’s Doubles Champions  McCall Monte, Kathy Flynn
Mixed Doubles Champions  Alex Galvin, McCall Monte
Mixed Doubles "B" Champions  Kathy Bruno, Jeff Bruno
Parent/Child Champions  Alex Galvin, Stephanie Galvin

TINY TOTS
Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Tiny Tots is a developmentally based gross motor class designed for children 18-36 months old. Along with their parents, the children learn how to move in fun and challenging ways while dancing to music and playing games with new friends.

SESSION I 6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Nov. 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16

SESSION II 5 weeks $40.00
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Jan. 6, 13, 27, Feb. 3, 10

Payment at “sign up” required for all classes

PIPSQUEAKS, P.E.
Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Pipsqueaks is a class for children 3-6 years old who are ready to move, dance and play independently from their parents. This is a great class designed to get their bodies moving in a fun and energetic way while learning new developmental skills. Enrollment is limited to 12 children per class. There must be at least 6 children enrolled to run a class.

SESSION I 6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Nov. 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16

SESSION II 5 weeks $40.00
Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Jan. 6, 13, 27, Feb. 3, 10
Karate for Kids
Instructor: Lisa Santi

This popular martial arts program continues another season of learning, skill development and advancement. The “Turn of the Tide” Martial Arts program works to teach students to gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. These classes are ongoing and new students are always welcomed. Classes are held in the gymnasium in the Lavins Activity Center. Class sizes are limited.

Beginners classes are for students ages 5 years to 8 years old that are new to Karate or have attained a Junior Ranking from Junior Yellow Belt to Junior Red Belt.

Advanced classes are for students 9 years old and up that are new to Karate or students that have attained the rank of 8th Gup Purple Belt and up.

Sparring class is for all students regardless of age or rank. Sparring should be taken in conjunction with a Beginner or Advanced Karate class.

Black/Red Belt Class will focus on advanced level skills to prepare Red Belts for Black Belts and to give current Black Belts a chance to work very advanced skills on a regular basis.

Teen class is for all students born in or before 1995 regardless of rank.

Karate for Kids
Instructor: Barb Thomson

A class for Boys & Girls
Tumbling skills including rolls, cartwheels, handstands, etc. will be taught according to the skill level of the class. Emphasis will be on coordination, strength and flexibility. With positive reinforcement the students will gain the confidence to learn new skills.

Boys apparel: Shorts and T-shirt
Girls apparel: Bike unitards preferably
No shoes or socks

SESSION I
5 weeks $50.00

SESSION II
8 weeks $100.00
(or $50 per participant)

Please Note:
Each 8 week session is $50.00 per student.

Parent/Child Class is $100.00.

(Original 3 week $30.00)

Registration and classes will be held at the Lavins Activity Center.

Gymnastics Class
Instructor: Barb Thomson

A class for Boys & Girls
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SESSION I
5 weeks $50.00
November 8, 15, 22
December 6, 13

SESSION II
5 weeks $50.00
January 5, 12, 19
February 2, 9

Ages 5 - 10
11:15 a.m. - Noon

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MEADE FITNESS CENTER

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center is the Meade Fitness Center. Membership in the Fitness Center (workout room) can be purchased at the front desk in the Lavins Center. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and cardio equipment. It is a great place to burn a few calories and have a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair while you are at it. Certified Personal Trainers are also available to give you a complementary assessment and orientation. You may also make an appointment for a Personal Training Session to obtain a weight training program designed specifically for you.

The classes that make up the Fitness Class Membership are varied. They run the spectrum from Indoor Cycling to Zumba. If it's your first time attending a class we strongly suggest that you arrive 10 minutes earlier than class is scheduled to sign up, meet the instructor and find out the class routine. Fitness class memberships can be purchased at the front desk of the Lavins Center and classes are conducted in the gym. A monthly calendar/schedule is available in the lobby for class and times. Classes are ongoing unless otherwise noted.

MEADE FITNESS CENTER HOURS

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BODY X-CELLENCE(TM)** (Taught by Beverly Ruskus)
Monday & Wednesday 9:40-10:40 a.m.
Saturday 9:30-10:30 a.m.
This class includes stretches to get into your back, arms and legs. Weights and tubing for upper and lower body strength and toning. Pilates, exercise ball and rebounding for balance and core work. Yoga for flexibility and R.O.M. Cool down and relaxation.

**Mobile Body** (Taught by Beverly Ruskus)
Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-12:30 a.m.
This class is for beginners and those who want to work at a lower intensity and strength. It's a complete workout that will encompass movement from mobility to a slow stretch. It's an ideal class for seniors.

Tai Chi** (Taught by Arlene Wetherby)
Monday (in McKeever Lounge) 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday (in McKeever Lounge) 6:30-7:30 p.m.
This is a famous tradition of soft style Chinese martial arts. This training concentrates on relaxed breathing techniques, looseness, coordination, stability and balance to generate power for self-defense applications.

Body Sculpting (Taught by Mary Walsh)
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00-9:00 a.m.
This class is designed to strengthen the major muscles, stabilizers and assistors of the body. It will help you create a balance of strength and flexibility necessary to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle. All levels welcome!

Strictly Strength (Taught by Kelly Maher)
Wednesday 9:30-10:30 a.m.
This easy to follow workout challenges every major muscle group using a variety of equipment.

Cardio Mix (Taught by Cristi Henderson)
Tuesday & Thursday 9:20-10:20 a.m.
Mix up your workout with a variety of cardio that will keep you moving! This class will alternate intervals of intermittent cardio with glutes and abs for a full body workout. Open to all fitness levels.

If you’re interested in the Indoor Cycling class listed above you’ll be happy to know that we have brand new spin bikes! The new Keiser M3s are very similar to outdoor cycling in that the higher the gear, the higher the cadence, and therefore more power is produced by the cyclist. That is, by pedaling faster the difficulty increases as the resistance increases, which makes for an incredible workout! Come try it!

OKULSKI FAMILY THEATRE NEWS
The switch to movies 7 days a week was a great success through the summer months! Now that the kids are back in school and sports and other school activities are in full swing, the Okulski Family Theatre has resumed its winter movie show time schedule. The winter schedule will run up until Memorial Day.

The days and times are as follows:
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Friday 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
The “7 Days a Week” movie schedule will begin again next season on Friday, May 29, 2009. Tuesday and Thursday matinees start up again June 16, 2009.
Parks & Recreation

Upcoming Winter activities in the parks

Skating lessons
With our outdoor refrigerated ice rink and the charming Lindell Lodge, how can you pass on our ice skating classes taught on an outdoor manicured rink with the beautiful landscape surrounding you? Step into the Lodge after skating where you can warm up with a cup of joe or the best hot chocolate in town along with cookies, brownies or muffins. Its the perfect place to unwind and watch the snowflakes fall.

All of our classes are $45.00 for five 1/2 hour classes. Sign up early since class sizes are limited for more individual needs.

All skaters must have single bladed skates and proper outdoor winter attire. Helmets are required for the Snowplow Beginners and Basic Skills Skaters.

Snowplow Beginners
- First time on the ice.
- Ages 3 - 6
- Tuesdays, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Session I: Tues. Dec. 2, 9, 16 (off Dec. 23, 30) Jan. 6, 13
- Session II: Tues. Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17
- Session III: Tues. Feb. 24 March 3, 10, 17, 24

Basic Skills Skaters
- Must be comfortable with the basic forward and backward glide, snow plow stop, rocking horse, dip, getting up, swizzles, jumping and march.
- Ages 7 - 10
- Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- (the same 3 sessions and dates as above Tuesday classes)

Tweens thru Adults
- All levels
- Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- (the same 3 sessions and dates as above Thursday classes)

Classes are taught by Sharron Nelson and Sue Watts who bring years of experience to the Hutton Ice Rink.

Skate swap
It’s time to dust off your old ice skates or those gently used skates that your kids have outgrown and bring them to the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park.

Each pair of skates must be tagged with your name, phone number, address, asking price and whether or not you want them back or donated. If your skates are not bought at the swap and you are not present, we can either return them to you or donate them. If they are purchased you will be sent the check or present you can accept the check yourself. (all purchases must be made by check)

We will be accepting skates from now until November 30. Our skate swap will take place on Monday, December 1 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Lindell Lodge in Patterson Park. Arrive promptly to get the best selection.

Ice rink information
The Hutton Ice Rink generally opens around Thanksgiving. (weather permitting). You can call Patterson Park at 822-1681 to get rink updates. Skating hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Skaters are asked to stay to one side of the rink while skating classes are being conducted. All skaters are welcomed in the Lodge but must have SKATE GUARDS on their blades. Skate guards can be purchased at the Lodge.

To keep the rink in tip top shape we have a few rules. There is no hockey, food or beverages allowed on the rink. We ask that everyone on the ice surface is wearing skates.

Ice Skating Extravaganza ‘08
Thursday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Patterson Park

We will be hosting an Ice Skating Extravaganza again this year at Patterson Park on the Hutton Ice Rink.

This half hour performance will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge to watch the performance. Programs will be furnished as you enter the park. Complimentary hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the Lindell Lodge.

Bundle up because the best and only seat in the house will be outside. Watch this skating show under the lights while performers skate in rhythm to their choreographed music led by Sharron Nelson. This year we will have two synchronized teams that will add to this program.

Come and see the talent of these young skaters.

Adult Golf Instruction
This class is designed for beginners and for those of you who need to brush up on your skills. You will need to bring 4 clubs to the first class. A wood, 7 iron, pitching wedge and a putter. Practical hands-on instruction and video taping of each golfer will take place during each session. Golf lessons will be taught in the Golden Family Gymnasium accommodating up to 15 participants. Sign up early with your friends to reserve your spot!

Tuesdays, 5 classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. $65.00
- Session I: January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10
- Session II: February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17
- Session III: March 24, April 7, 14, 21

Instructor: Matt Bodde, Golf Pro at the Country Club of Detroit

NEWTIMES
Mark your calendar for our Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market that will take place at Windmill Pointe Park outside and inside the Tompkins Community Center.

The Gift Market will be open from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Tree Lighting will take place promptly at 6:30 p.m. The Market will have 14 vendors ready to sell their wares from inside Windmill Pointe Center with three additional vendors selling their specialties outdoors. This is the perfect place to get your “one of a kind” gifts for teachers, babysitters, friends, family and anyone else on your gift list. Children’s books, aprons, bibs, pajama bags, jewelry, candles, headbands, bows, towels, pottery, romance novels, live holiday roping, wreaths, table centerpieces and reindeer is just a glimpse of the gifts.

The Tree Lighting will start at 6:30 p.m., and will be just inside the inside gatehouse, outside of the Lavins Center. Grosse Pointe South’s Choir will delight everyone with their songs and Mayor Heenan will flip the switch to illuminate our decorated tree and give Santa Claus the key to the City. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Immediately after, you can shop the market or go into the Lavins Center for a free holiday movie!

**Afternoon Out is back!**

Starting Wednesday, November 19, 2008 “Afternoon Out” will return! Come join us for a FREE movie, coffee and cookies twice a month on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. It’s just a nice way to spend the afternoon.

The movie schedule will be as follows:

- **November 19**
  - “Swing Time” (starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers)

- **December 3**
  - “Holiday Inn” (starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire)

- **December 17**
  - “Scrooge” (starring Albert Finney)

- **January 7**
  - “The King And I” (starring Deborah Kerr and Yul Brenner)

- **January 21**
  - “Breakfast At Tiffany’s” (starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard and Mickey Rooney)

- **February 4**
  - “West Side Story” (starring Natalie Wood and Rita Moreno)

For more information, call the Lavins Center at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.

**REMINDER:**

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 4**

November 4
- **Election Day**
  - Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

November 11
- **Veterans Day**
  - City offices closed

November 27 & 28
- **Thanksgiving**
  - City offices closed

December 3
- **Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market**
  - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

December 6
- **Lunch with Santa**
  - Tompkins Community Center

December 11
- **Skating Extravaganza Patterson Park**
  - 7:00 p.m.

December 25 & 26
- **Christmas**
  - City offices closed

January 1
- **Happy New Year 2009**
  - City offices closed
Landlords Take Notice:
Renting of property requires a Certificate of Occupancy permit and all landlords must, for the safety of the renters acquire a C of O inspection. As in most industries laws and regulations change periodically and for the safety of your renters retrofits and repairs must be made. Inspections and dates for inspections must be made in a timely fashion. All inspections will be AM or PM. No exact times will be given as our inspector has many inspections and times vary greatly. No extensions will be granted. Be sure to schedule your inspection giving yourself time to complete your repairs and allow access for the inspection. A reinspection because of no access or not finished with repairs will cause a $50.00 reinspection fee to be charged to the landlord.

Curbside Leaf Pick-Up
Curbside leaf pick-up will begin at the end of October. Due to equipment breakdowns & weather, there is no set schedule. Once the truck has been on your street the approximate turn around will be 2 weeks.

Snow Removal
As a courtesy to homeowners, snow and ice is cleared from sidewalks. In the event that the city is not able to do so, the occupant and or owner of every lot adjoining any street shall clear all ice and snow within (12) hours after it ceases to fall.

Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, Nov. 8, 08 8am to 2pm
Westland DPS Yard 37137 Marquette

Examples of acceptable items
Household paints, stains, dyes
Floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner
Furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stains removers, solvents
Pharmaceutical waste (NON CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ONLY)
Nail polish, glue
Fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides
Antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline
Automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs
Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors
Mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury

Electronics recycling
Computer CPU’s, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice
Cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions

Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted

HELP KEEP POLLUTION OUT OF LAKE ST. CLAIR
Keep pollution out of storm drains
Storm drains lead to our lakes and streams. Any oil, pet waste, leaves or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain, gets into our lakes and streams. We all need to be aware of what goes in our storm drains. REMEMBER...ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!

Fertilize sparingly and caringly
Storm drains in our streets and yards empty into our lakes and streams. When we fertilize our lawn, we could also be fertilizing our lakes and streams. Fertilizer is good for the lawn, but bad for our water which causes algae to grow in lakes and streams. Algae can form large blooms and use oxygen that fish need to survive. We all need to be aware of the cumulative effects of our lawn care practices. Use fertilizer low in phosphorus, keep it away from lakes, streams, storm drains and sweep the excess back onto your lawn.

Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil
Antifreeze, household cleaners, gasoline, pesticides, oil paints, solvents, and motor oil are some of the common household products that enter our storm drains. They should be kept out of our lakes and streams. Do not put these items in the trash, down the storm drain or on the ground. Take them to a local hazardous waste center or collection day.

Submitted by Chris Reimel
Public Service Director

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Thanksgiving Thursday, November 27
No trash or recycling pick-up. All pick-ups delayed by one day.

Christmas Thursday, December 25
New Year’s Day Thursday, January 1, 09
No trash or recycling pick-up. All pick-ups delayed by one day.
Community

The Tompkins Community Center

The Tompkins Community Center is located at Windmill Pointe Park. The Center’s main function is to host parties. The Centers capacity is 129 people, and can comfortably seat 100 people. It is available for Park residents to rent for various family functions.

Rental rates for 2009 are:

Monday - Thursday (daytime or evening function) $250.00
Fri., Sat., & Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m $350.00
Wedding Receptions $550.00
Monday - Thursday hourly rate (up to 3 hours maximum) $75.00 1st hour $50.00 per hour after.

For additional information or reservations please call 822-2812 ext 201.

Lavins Activity Center Rentals

The Lavins Activity Center can be rented for various functions when it is not scheduled for parks and recreation activities, classes or events. Reservations are requested to be made at least 1 month in advance. For complete details please stop in at the reception desk in the Stevens Atrium.

Capacity:
Okulski Theatre: 138 persons
McKeever Lounge: 25 persons
Power Point presentation: 40 persons

Fees
Movie theatre rental for up to 35 people $160.00 (min)
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Each additional person $5.00
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Theater for power point (8-noon or noon to 4) $160.00
Power Point for 8 hours $320.00
Power Point for 8 hours $320.00
Lounge for 3 hours $ 75.00
Lounge for 3 hours $ 75.00
Full Gym, if available (one hour, limited activities) $ 40.00
Full Gym, if available (one hour, limited activities) $ 40.00
Security Deposit required for all theatre and lounge rentals $175.00
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Checks/payments must be in the renting resident's name and they must be in attendance at the event.

Please call 822-2812 ext 300 for further information.

A Pajama Party!

Friday, January 9
What to wear: Your pajamas and a smiling face. Cost: $12.00 per family
What to expect: Music, stories and silly fun.

Friday, April 10
What to bring: A blanket to sit on. Ages: 2 to 8 years and the young at heart.

Friday, February 13

Friday, May 8

Friday, March 13

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The Beautification Commission of Grosse Pointe Park announced on October 13, that the Grosse Pointe Art Center has been chosen to receive this business award plaque in appreciation of its excellent appearance and well maintained property.

The seven-year old Grosse Pointe Art Center is operated by the Grosse Pointe Art Association, a 70-year old art organization. In February 2008, they relocated to 15001 Kercheval at Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park, from their former Maryland and Jefferson location. They bring art exhibitions, workshops, and classes to the Grosse Pointe area thru their contacts with the tri-county artistic community. They collaborate with the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Wayne State University, University of Michigan, and College for Creative Studies. Founded in 1938, the Grosse Pointe Art Association is one of the oldest non-profit art organizations in southeast Michigan. The art center promotes and stimulates artistic talent and engages in community services. For additional information contact Susan Macdonald, 313.821.1848 (T, W, Th, 12 noon to 6 p.m. and F, S, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email at gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.org
2009 Chilly-Fest
Saturday, February 7, Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Patterson Park & Windmill Pointe Park

Don’t let the winter’s blahs get you down this year. Join us for an enjoyable, fun filled event. The more snow, the better!
But snow or not, our 2nd Chilly-Fest will be held at Patterson and Windmill Pointe Park on Saturday, February 7 from noon to 3:00 p.m. There will be a number of different activities. Some highlights are:

- Ice skating to the music of a Disc jockey on the Hutton Ice Rink.
- Ice sculpture demonstration with three other completed pieces throughout the park.
- Snowman building contest and snowboat target throw.
- A snowboard demonstration (depending on the amount of snow on the ground) at the top of the sledding hill at 1:00 p.m.
- A pine cone bird feeder craft.
- Snow shoes to try on and walk around the park.
- Two continuous trolley rides between Patterson and Windmill Pointe Park pulled by a team of Clydesdale or Belgium draft horses. NEW FEATURE!
- A hot dog and chili lunch will be on sale in the comforts of the Tompkins Community Center.
- Also, at the Tompkins Center there will be a FREE ice sculpture raffle. Enter to win one of our ice sculptures and we’ll even deliver it to your home.
- A pine cone bird feeder craft.
- Snow shoes to try on and walk around the park.

Anyone who would like to volunteer, please call Terry Solomon at 822-2812 ext 200

Farmer’s Market concludes with a crowning moment

We closed our fifth year of the West Park Farmer’s Market. The Market this year had some very successful and very well attended special events and I would like to thank everyone who supported these endeavors. One of those special events, was the Fall Festival on September 27th. It was a fun filled day with great food, great music, and great activities for all. This year we introduced our very first West Park Farmers Market Princess. This competition was open to all Grosse Pointe Park fifth grade girls and had some definite requirements. Our winner, Gianna Manchester, 11 yrs old (shown at right) met all those requirements, “sealing the deal” with a very well written essay emphasizing how the Farmer’s Market enhances our community. She was crowned on that day by Mayor pro tem Greg Theobis, and received not only her crown and sash, but a basket full of gifts from vendors and merchants. The contest will be open to all grade school age girls next year. Look to the spring Communicator for a registration form and information regarding this event. Congratulations, Gianna!

After much consideration, it was decided that the market stay open this year experimentally, through October to provide our community and beyond all of those wonderful harvest items the farmers offer. With the high price of gas it was great to be able to walk if you wished to our eclectic downtown area and get some of those things for your home. Next year the market will again have all the special events we had this year including the very popular beer taste fest and corn roast, and the addition of others yet to be announced. Thanks again for all your support. See you next year.

Jennifer Meldrum
Market Manager